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Re: U.S. Application No. 10/500,319  
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Applicants: Takashi TSUKAMOTO *et al.*  
Atty. Docket: 20595.128

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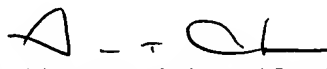
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1. a Substance of Interview; and
2. a return postcard.

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In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 20595.128. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Attachments

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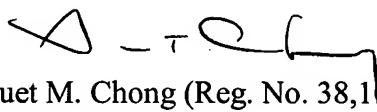
Applicants thank the Examiner for extending to the undersigned the courtesy of a telephonic interview on June 15, 2006. During the interview, the Examiner and the undersigned agreed to cancel withdrawn claims 6 to 44, and to add new dependent pharmaceutical composition claims 47 to 49:

47. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 45, wherein:  
A<sup>1</sup>, A<sup>2</sup>, A<sup>3</sup> and A<sup>4</sup> are independently hydrogen or -COOH;  
R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are each hydrogen; and  
R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, phenyl, benzyl or phenylethyl, wherein said phenyl, benzyl or phenylethyl are independently substituted with one or more substituent(s).
48. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 47, wherein R<sup>5</sup> is benzyl substituted with one or more substituent(s) independently selected from the group consisting of carboxy, halo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkoxy.

49. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 45, wherein the compound is an enantiomer or an enantiomer-enriched mixture.

The Examiner and the undersigned agreed that the aforementioned amendments would place the application in condition for allowance.

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